1. Silver selenite; Ag<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7784-05-6]

2a. Nitric acid; HNO3; [7697-37-2]

2b. Sulfuric acid; H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; [7664-93-9]

3. Water; H<sub>2</sub>O; [7732-18-5]

# ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:

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Zh. Neorg. Khim. 1956, 1, 2300; \*Russ. J. Inorg. Chem. 1956, 1, 132.

#### VARIABLES:

 $\mathrm{NHO_3}$  and  $\mathrm{H_2SO_4}$  concentrations

One temperature: 293 K

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# EXPERIMENTAL VALUES:

Concentrations are expressed in units of mol  $dm^{-3}$ .

Soln.	Initial pH	Final pH	[Ag <sup>+</sup> ]	pAg	$\log \alpha_{L(H)}$	p[SeO3 <sup>2-</sup> ]	pK <sub>s0</sub>
нио3	2.24 2.00	2.43 2.27	$8.52 \times 10^{-4}$ $1.59 \times 10^{-3}$	3.07 2.80	5.83 6.10	9.20 9.20	15.34 14.80
$\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{SO}_4$	2.35 2.06	2.61 2.31	$6.12 \times 10^{-4}$ $1.51 \times 10^{-3}$	3.21 2.82	5.60 6.05	9.11 9.17	15.53 14.81

The average value is  $K_{s0} = 9.7 \times 10^{-16} \text{ mol}^3 \text{dm}^{-9}$ .  $(pK_{s0} = 15.01)$ 

#### Notes.

[Se<sub>tot</sub>] = [Ag<sup>2+</sup>] and [SeO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>] = [Se<sub>tot</sub>]/ $\alpha$ <sub>L(H)</sub> where  $\alpha$ <sub>L(H)</sub> = (1 + [H<sup>+</sup>]/K<sub>2</sub> + [H<sup>+</sup>]<sup>2</sup>/K<sub>1</sub>K<sub>2</sub>) (refs. 1 and 2) and the acid dissociation constants have the values K<sub>1</sub> = 4 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup> and K<sub>2</sub> = 1.0 x 10<sup>-8</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup> (ref. 1).

# AUXILIARY INFORMATION

# METHOD APPARATUS/PROCEDURE:

Solutions of nitric and sulfuric acids were saturated with silver selenite by stirring in a thermostat at 20°C for 8 hr. The remaining solid phase was removed by centrifugation, then the pH was measured ("Moskip" pH meter, to 0.01 pH unit) and the silver concentration was determined (method not stated).

# SOURCE AND PURITY OF MATERIALS:

C.P.-grade reagents were used. Silver selenite was prepared by mixing stoichiometric amounts of 0.1N solutions of selenious acid and silver nitrate in the dark, then the precipitate was washed with water and dried at 40°C. Silver was determined by the Volhard method and selenium gravimetrically after precipitation with hydrazine.

# ESTIMATED ERROR:

The spread in the results is 0.73 of a log unit.

# REFERENCES:

1. Rumpf, P. Compt. Rendu 1933, 197, 686.

# COMPONENTS: 1. Silver selenite; Ag<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7784-05-6] 2. Water; H<sub>2</sub>O; [7732-18-5] VARIABLES: One temperature: 298 K ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS: Selivanova, N.M.; Leshchinskaya, Z.L.; Klushina, T.V. Zhur. Fiz. Khim. 1962, 36, 1349; \*Russ. J. Phys. Chem. 1962, 36, 719. PREPARED BY: Mary R. Masson

All concentrations are expressed in units of mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

	Time of mixing	Concentration	Solubility	
i	(days) at 25°C	of Ag <sup>+</sup> 8.26 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	Product	
	6	$8.26 \times 10^{-6}$		
	7	$8.28 \times 10^{-6}$		Hydrolysis of selenite
	7	$8.30 \times 10^{-6}$		neglected.
	8	$8.30 \times 10^{-6}$		
	10	$8.34 \times 10^{-9}$	16 3 0	Has equilibrium been
	Mean	$8.31 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.85 \times 10^{-16} \text{ mol}^3 \text{ dm}^{-9}$	reached?

The compiler has recalculated the results to take account of the hydrolysis of the selenite ions; the computer program HALTAFALL (2) was used, and the values for the dissociation constants were those of Hagisawa (3) -  $pK_1 = 2.62$ ,  $pK_2 = 8.32$ .

Concentration	Total conc.	Conc. of $SeO_3^{2-}$	Solubility
of Ag <sup>+</sup> 8.26 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	of selenite	$2.058 \times 10^{-6}$	Product
8.28 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> 8.30 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	$4.14 \times 10^{-6}$	2.065 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> 2.072 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> 2.072 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	
8 34 v 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4 17 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.085 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> 2.075 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	$1.433 \times 10^{-16} \text{ mol}^3 \text{ dm}^{-9} \text{ (pK}_{s0} = 15.84)$

It should be noted that the calculation of  $[\sec^2_3]$  assumes that the water used for dissolution of the silver selenite was extremely pure and had a pH not significantly differing from 7. If the pH was significantly different from 7 (e.g. because of the presence of dissolved carbon dioxide) hydrolysis of the selenite ion would have occurred to a greater or lesser extent.

# AUXILIARY INFORMATION

#### METHOD APPARATUS/PROCEDURE:

Solid silver selenite was equilibrated with water for 7 - 10 days, in a thermostat at  $25^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The concentration of silver in the solution was determined turbidimetrically as follows. To 2 - 10 ml of the solution were added 10 drops of a 1% gelatin solution and 2 ml of HCl (1:1), and the solution was diluted to 100 ml. After 15 min, the absorbance was measured (blue filter) (ref. 1).

# SOURCE AND PURITY OF MATERIALS:

Silver selenite was prepared by mixing 0.1N solutions of silver nitrate and sodium selenite in stoichiometric proportions, washing several times with warm water, and drying at  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

# ESTIMATED ERROR:

 $s = 0.03 \times 10^{-16} \text{ mol}^3 \text{dm}^{-9}$  (estimated from the range of results on days 7- 10).  $s = 0.02 \times 10^{-16}$  (for recalculated results)

# REFERENCES:

- Selivanova, N.M.; Zubova, G.A.; Finkel'shtein, E.I. Zh. Fiz. Khim. 1959, 33, 2365; Russ. J. Phys. Chem. 1959, 33, 430.
  - Ingri, N.; Kakolowicz, W.; Sillén, L.G.; Warnqvist, B. Talanta 1967, 14, 1261.
- 3. Hagisawa, H. Bull. Inst. Phys. Chem. Res. Tokyo, 1939, 18, 648.

- 1. Silver selenite; Ag<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7784-05-6]
- 2. Sodium perchlorate; NaClO<sub>4</sub>; [7601-89-0]
- 3. Selenous acid;  $H_2SeO_3$ ; [7783-00-8]
- 4. Water; H<sub>2</sub>O; [7732-18-5] (Experiment A)

#### VARIABLES:

One temperature: 298 K

pH was varied by addition of HC10  $_4$  or NaOH Ionic strength was kept at 1 mol  $\rm dm^{-3}$ 

ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:

- Mehra, M.C.; Gubeli, A.O. Radiochem. Radioanal. Lett. 1969, 2, 61.
- Mehra, M.C.
   Dissertation Laval University, Quebec P.Q., 1968.

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# EXPERIMENTAL VALUES:

	All co	ncentrat	ions are	expressed	l in term	ns of -1o	g of mol	$dm^{-3}$ .	
pН	pAg	pН	pAg	pН	pAg	pН	pAg	рĦ	pAg
1.20	3.22	1.60	3.51	2.57	4.30	6.30	6.10	12.55	7.14
1.25	3.24	1.67	3.56	2.75	4.47	6.85	6.47	12.75	7.11
1.28	3.26	1.70	3.64	2.78	4.47	7.65	6.77	12.77	7.09
1.30	3.31	1.75	3.70	3.05	4.64	7.65	6.77	12.80	7.16
1.35	3.34	1.85	3.73	3.45	4.84	8.20	6.94	13.00	7.08
1.37	3.34	1.95	3.81	3.70	4.98	8.80	7.03	13.00	7.06
1.45	3.37	2.00	3.91	4.00	5.22	9.17	7.08	13.00	7.12
1.47	3.43	2.25	4.07	4.30	5.22	10.30	7.16	13.05	7.11
1.50	3.43	2.35	4.18	5.12	5.77	11.50	7.25	13.07	7.04
1.55	3.48	2,40	4.27	5.82	6.13	11.65	7.20		
1 57	3 49	2 48	4 32	6.05	5.86	11.95	7 20		

From the last 13 results, when pH > p $K_2$  for  $H_2SeO_3$ , the author calculated that  $pK_{sO} = 2pAg = 2pSeO_3 = 15.58$ ,  $s = \pm 0.12$ . (This assumed that  $pSeO_3$  remained constant at the initial value of 1.32.)

The acid dissociation constants of selenous acid were also evaluated from this set of data: the values found were  $pK_1 = 2.26$  and  $pK_2 = 8.12$ .

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# AUXILIARY INFORMATION

#### METHOD APPARATUS/PROCEDURE:

Precipitations were done in 100-ml standard flasks kept in a water bath at 25°C. The ligand was always added last. The initial concentration of silver ions was  $4.79 \times 10^{-3} M$ and of selenous acid  $4.79 \times 10^{-2} M$ . The pH was adjusted to the required value by addition of sodium hydroxide or perchloric Sealed flasks were equilibrated for acid. six days. pH and pAg were measured potentiometrically in the aqueous phase after removal of the solid phase by filtration through a frit, under nitrogen. The potentiometric determination of silver was done with a silver metal electrode and a calomel electrode filled with 1M sodium perchlorate solution.  $E^{\circ}$  for this cell was determined by measuring its potential with solutions of known  $[Ag^+]$  in 1M sodium perchlorate.

# SOURCE AND PURITY OF MATERIALS:

The water used was demineralized and deoxygenated, and stored under nitrogen. The selenous acid used was of reagent grade.

#### ESTIMATED ERROR:

 $s = 0.2 \log \text{ units for all the data.}$  (compiler)

# REFERENCES:

- 1. Silver selenite; Ag<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7784-05-6]
- 2. Sodium perchlorate; NaClO<sub>4</sub>; [7601-89-0]
- 3. Selenous acid; H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7783-00-8]
- 4. Water; H<sub>2</sub>0; [7732-18-5] (Experiment A)

# ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:

- Mehra, M.C.; Gubeli, A.O. Radiochem. Radioanal. Lett. 1969, 2, 61.
- 2. Mehra, M.C.

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# COMMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONAL DATA

The compiler used the values for  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  determined by the authors to allow a value for  $K_{s0}$  based on the complete set of data to be evaluated. That is, a value for  $[Se0_3^{2-}]$  was calculated for each point as follows.

Amount of Ag precipitated = initial Ag - free Ag

Total Se in solution = initial Se - precip. Se = initial Se - (ppt Ag/2)

 $[SeO_3^{2-}] = (Total Se in solution)/(1 + [H^+]/K_2 + [H^+]^2/K_1K_2).$ 

The  $K_{s0} = [Ag^+]^2 [Se0_3^{2-}]$ .

A value of 2.36 x  $10^{-16}$  mol<sup>3</sup> dm<sup>-9</sup> was found for  $K_{s0}$  (p $K_{s0}$  = 15.63). The standard deviation estimate, s expressed in logarithmic terms is 0.2.

- 1. Silver selenite; Ag<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7784-05-6]
- Sodium perchlorate; NaClO<sub>4</sub>; [7601-89-0]
- Selenous acid; H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7783-00-8] 3.
- Water; H<sub>2</sub>O; [7732-18-5] (Experiment B)

#### **VARIABLES:**

One temperature: 298 K

Total selenous acid concentration was varied, and also pH, by addition of  $\rm HC10_4$  or NaOH. The ionic strength was kept at 1 mol dm  $^{-3}$ . (SUMMARY)

#### ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:

- Mehra, M.C.; Gubeli, A.O. Radiochem. Radioanal. Lett. 1969, 2, 61.
- 2. Mehra, M.C. Dissertation Laval University, Quebec P.Q., <u>1968</u>.

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EXPE	EXPERIMENTAL VALUES:							
1	Concentrations a	are expressed in terms of -log	of mol dm <sup>-3</sup> .					
	$pAg_{tot}$	PA8 <sub>tot</sub>	pAg <sub>tot</sub>					
pН	$[H_2SeO_3]_{tot} = 0.00646 \text{ mol} c$	$\text{Im}^{-3} [\text{H}_2 \text{SeO}_3]_{\text{tot}} = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$	$[H_2SeO_3]_{tot} = 0.1995 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$					
1.0	2.26	-						
1.5	2.76	3.16	-					
2.0	3.18	3.66	-					
2.5	3 <b>.</b> 57	4.10	4.42					
3.0	3.93	4.42	4.61					
3.5	4.18	4.68	4.80					
4.0	4.42	4.90	(5.00)					
4.5	(4.64)	(5.07)	(5.19)					
5.0	(4.87)	(5.24)	(5.38)					
5.5	(5.10)	(5.41)	(5.57)					
6.0	5.32	5 <b>.</b> 58	5 <b>.</b> 75					
6.5	5.49	5 <b>.</b> 65	5.76					
7.0	5.60	5 <b>.</b> 65	5.77					
7.5	5 <b>.</b> 65	5 <b>.</b> 59	5.48					
8.0	5.65	5.43	5.22					
8.5	5 <b>.</b> 65	5.28	5.05					
lan	_ 12 0 5 65	5 20	5.00					

The compiler summarized the results by plotting all the authors' experimental points, drawing smooth curves through them, then abstracting values at regular intervals of pH. Values in brackets are in regions of pH where there were no experimental points, but where interpolation seems to be justified.

The initial concentration of silver ions was  $3.63 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  for the first two sets of results, and  $3.98 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}^{-3}$  for the third. (continued on next page)

# AUXILIARY INFORMATION

### METHOD APPARATUS/PROCEDURE:

Precipitations were done in 100-ml standard flasks kept in a water bath at 25°C. The ligand was always added last. The pH was adjusted by means of  $HC10_4$  and NaOH only. Sealed flasks were equilibrated for six days. A radioactive silver solution was used to enable the total concentration of silver in solution to be determined by scintillation spectrometry. Radioactivity of three 5-ml samples of filtered aqueous phase was measured by means of a Philips single Y-spectrometer, with a well-type NaI/T1 crystal. Count rates were observed under the photopeak. pH was determined potentiometrically in the aqueous phase.

SOURCE AND PURITY OF MATERIALS The silver isotope used was 110 Ag, with a half-life of 249 days,  $E_{\beta} = 0.54$  MeV, and  $E_{\nu} = 0.66$ , 0.88 MeV. The radiotracer was mixed with inactive solution in such a proportion that the count rate at 1000-fold dilution would be measurable. A minimum count rate of 20 cpm/ml at a calculated dilution to  $10^{-8}M$  was always maintained. In the final samples, a minimum of 1000 counts was taken. The calibration graph was redrawn for every experiment.

# **ESTIMATED ERROR:**

# REFERENCES:

Ingri, N.; Kakolowicz, W.; Sillén, L.G.; Warnqvist, B. Talanta 1967, 14, 1261.

- 1. Silver selenite; Ag<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7784-05-6]
- 2. Sodium perchlorate; NaClO<sub>4</sub>; [7601-89-0]
- 3. Selenous acid;  $H_2SeO_3$ ; [7783-00-8]
- 4. Water; H<sub>2</sub>O; [7732-18-5] (Experiment B)

# ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:

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#### COMMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONAL DATA

From this set of data, the authors conclude that the concentration of silver in solution starts increasing at around pH 8, and soon reaches a value that is independent of pH. The behaviour at pH values below 8 conforms to that expected if no complexes are formed between silver ions and  $\rm H_2SeO_3$  or  $\rm HSeO_3^-$ . However, the enhanced solubility at higher pH values suggests that complexes must be formed between silver ions and  $\rm SeO_3^-$ .

The compiler did calculations with this set (B) of data similar to those done with set (A), but with an additional correction for complex formation. The values found for  $pK_{s0}$  were 14.72 (s = 0.5), 14.86 (s = 0.4) and 15.06 (s =0.35) for the three selenite concentrations.

The compiler has used the values calculated by the authors for  $pK_{s0}$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  to do a back-calculation of the solubility expressed as [Ag]<sub>tot</sub>. The calculated values for pAg corresponding to listed experimental ones are tabulated below.

pH [H <sub>2</sub> SeO <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>tot</sub>	$= 0.00646 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ [	$H_2SeO_3]_{tot} = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$	$[H_2SeO_3]_{tot} = 0.1995 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$
1.0	2.49	3.09	3.40
1.5	2.93	3.56	3.72
2.0	3.35	4.00	4.15
2.5	3.72	4.38	4.53
3.0	4.03	4.69	4.84
3.5	4.30	4.97	5.12
4.0	4.56	5.22	5.37
4.5	4.81	5.47	5.62
5.0	5.06	5.72	5.86
5.5	5.31	5.95	6.08
6.0	5.56	6.15	6.23
6.5	5.80	6.26	6.25
7.0	6.01	6.22	6.10
7 <b>.</b> 5	6.18	6.02	5.79
8.0	6.26	5.75	5.44
8.5	6.26	5.54	5.19
9.0	6.26	5.43	5.06
10.0	6.25	5.38	5.00
11.0 - 12.0	6.25	5.37	4.99

The computer program HALTAFALL (1) was used for the calculations.

- 1. Silver selenite;  $Ag_2SeO_3$ ; [7784-05-6]
- 2. Sodium perchlorate; NaClO<sub>4</sub>; [7601-89-0]
- 3. Selenous acid;  $H_2SeO_3$ ; [7783-00-8]
- 4. Water; H<sub>2</sub>O; [7732-18-5] (Experiment C)

#### VARIABLES:

One temperature: 298 K

The total selenite concentration was varied. The pH and ionic strength were kept constant.

ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:

- 1. Mehra, M.C.; Gubeli, A.O. Radiochem. Radioanal. Lett. 1969, 2, 61.
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#### EXPERIMENTAL VALUES:

Concentrations are expressed in units of mol  $dm^{-3}$ .

$[Se0_3^{2-}]_{tot}$	pAgtot	$[SeO_3^{2-}]_{tot}$	$p^{Ag}_{tot}$
0.001	6.00	0.100	5.36
0.003	6.22	0.200	4.97
0.005	6.15	0.300	4.75
0.008	6.15	0.400	4.55
0.010	6.17	0.500	4.42
0.020	5.97	0.600	4.32
0.030	5.92	0.700	4.25
0.050	5.72	0.800	4.19
0.070	5.62	0.900	4.18
0.090	5.42		

From this set of data, the authors evaluated the stability constants for the complexes  $Ag(SeO_3)^-$  and  $Ag(SeO_3)^3-$ . The values found were  $log \ \beta_1 = 2.42$  and  $log \ \beta_2 = 3.76$ . The value for  $pK_{SO}$  of 15.58, as calculated previously by these authors, was used in the calculation.

Note: 
$$\beta_1 = \frac{[Ag(SeO_3)^-]}{[Ag^+][SeO_3^2^-]}$$
  $\beta_2 = \frac{[Ag(SeO_3)_2^{3^-}]}{[Ag^+][SeO_3^{3^-}]^2}$ 

# AUXILIARY INFORMATION

# METHOD APPARATUS/PROCEDURE:

Precipitations were done in 100-ml standard flasks kept in a water bath at 25°C. The ligand was always added last. The pH was adjusted to 9.40-9.75 by addition of  $HC10_{\Delta}$ and NaOH only. Sealed flasks were equilibrated for six days. A radioactive silver solution was used to enable the total concentration of silver in solution to be determined by scintillation spectrometry. The radioactivity of three 5-ml samples of filtered aqueous phase was measured by means of a Philips single y-spectrometer, with a well-type NaI/T1 crystal. Count rates were observed under the photopeak. The calibration graph was redrawn for every experiment.

# SOURCE AND PURITY OF MATERIALS

The silver isotope used was  $^{110}{\rm Ag}$ , with a half-life of 249 days,  $E_{\beta}=0.54$  MeV, and  $E_{\gamma}=0.66$ , 0.88 MeV. It was obtained from Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., Chalk River, Ontario, Canada. The radiotracer was mixed with inactive solution in such a proportion that the count rate at 1000-fold dilution would be measurable. A minimum count rate of 20 cpm/ml at a calculated dilution to  $10^{-8} M$  was always maintained. In the final samples, a minimum of 1000 counts was taken.

# ESTIMATED ERROR:

s = 0.12 for  $\log \beta_1$  and s = 0.05 for  $\log \beta_2$ . (compiler)

# REFERENCES:

- 1. Silver selenite; Ag<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7784-05-6]
- 2. Sodium perchlorate; NaClO<sub>4</sub>; [7601-89-0]
- 3. Selenous acid; H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7783-00-8]
- 4. Water; H<sub>2</sub>O; [7732-18-5] (Experiment C)

# ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:

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   Dissertation Laval University, Quebec P.Q., 1968.

# COMMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The authors deduced that the two complexes formed are  $AgSeO_3^-$  and  $Ag(SeO_3)^{\frac{3}{2}-}$  from the behaviour of the solubility, expressed in terms of  $[Ag]_{tot}$  as a function of the concentration of selenite. A plot of  $\log [Ag]_{tot}$  vs.  $[SeO_3^{2}-]$  has two distinct linear regions with slopes of -0.5 and -1.5. A value for  $\beta_2$  was calculated from the data corresponding to a slope of -1.5, by assuming that essentially all the silver in solution would be present as  $Ag(SeO_3)^{\frac{3}{2}-}$ ; i.e.  $[Ag(SeO_3)^{\frac{3}{2}-}] = [Ag]_{tot}$ . A value for  $\beta_1$  was calculated then from the data corresponding to a slope of -0.5, by setting  $[Ag]_{tot} = [AgSeO_3^-] + [Ag(SeO_3)^{\frac{3}{2}-}]$ , and utilizing the value already calculated for  $\beta_2$  to calculate  $[Ag(SeO_3)^{\frac{3}{2}-}]$ . For both calculations,  $[Ag^+]$  was calculated from  $K_{sO} = [Ag^+]^2 \times [SeO_3^{2}-]$ .

Compiler's comments: the compiler felt that the extensive sets of data from experiments B and C should be further utilized to confirm and improve the value derived for  $K_{\rm SO}$  from the first series of experiments (A). However, this was not found to be possible; in fact, the sets of data are not consistent, and even the three subsets of data in the second series of experiments are not consistent with one another. The conclusion has to be that one or other, or both, of the experimental procedures must be faulty. In view of the lack of consistency even among the data of the second series of experiments, it seems that the radiochemical technique is the one that is more likely to be faulty. Also, the potentiometric technique used in the first series would have been expected to be more reliable in any case. It is therefore suggested tentatively that the results from series one be regarded as reliable, but that the values for log  $\beta_1$  and log  $\beta_2$  be regarded with suspicion.

- 1. Silver selenite; Ag<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>; [7784-05-6]
- 2. Water; H<sub>2</sub>O; [7732-18-5]

# ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:

Chao, E.E.; Cheng, K.L.

Anal. Chem. 1976, 48, 267.

# VARIABLES:

One temperature: 293 K

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# EXPERIMENTAL VALUES:

The ionic strength was constant at 0.1 mol  $\mathrm{dm}^{-3}$  (medium not stated)

$$pK_{s0} = 15.45 \pm 0.15$$

$$K_{s0} = 3.55 \times 10^{-16} \text{ mol}^3 \text{ dm}^{-9}$$

Concentrations are given in units of mol  $dm^{-3}$ .

# Compiler's note

The values used for the acid dissociation constants of selenious acid are not given, but if the determination was done at pH 11.0, as it was for silver arsenite (1), the values would have an almost negligible influence on the value obtained for the solubility product. Therefore, this value is probably a reasonably good estimate of the concentration solubility product.

The value would refer to a freshly precipitated solid, and may therefore be expected to differ from values found by equilibrium of solutions with aged solids.

# AUXILIARY INFORMATION

# METHOD APPARATUS/PROCEDURE:

The solubility product was determined from data obtained by potentiometric titration of a selenite solution with a silver nitrate solution. Silver ion activities were measured by means of an Orion silver sulfide electrode (94-16) and an Orion double junction reference electrode (90-02). Emf readings were taken with a Corning model 10 pH meter with expanded scale. Method of calculation is given in ref. (1). This involved determining, from the E value,

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SOURCE AND PURITY OF MATERIALS:

Reagent-grade chemicals were used.

# ESTIMATED ERROR:

Range in  $pK_{c0} = \pm 0.15$ 

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